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Delegate Kumar P. Barve, Chair  
House Environment and Transportation Committee  
House Office Building, Room 251  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: House Bill 264 - Speed Monitoring Systems – School Zones – Nursery Schools

Dear Committee Members:

The Pot Spring Community Association wholeheartedly supports the passage of House Bill 264. We urge a favorable report out of Committee because Maryland needs to stop speeding around our nursery schools where some of our most vulnerable citizens learn and play.

Reducing speeding elsewhere would be an admirable goal because in recent years speeding has led to an unprecedented increase in traffic and pedestrian fatalities and injuries.

<https://www.nhtsa.gov/press-releases/usdot-releases-new-data-showing-road-fatalities-spiked-first-half-2021> ; <https://www.forbes.com/sites/tanyamohn/2021/05/24/a-bad-year-for-walkersdeaths-surged-during-pandemic-despite-drop-in-driving/?sh=47d7a5f63654> .

Alas, getting drivers to stop speeding is an elusive goal. However, HB 264 is a concrete and easy solution to stop speeding around nursery schools. The simple solution?—expand the current law that applies to “school zones” to include nursery schools. That is what a favorable vote on HB 264 will do. If we are protecting kindergarten students, as the current statute does, why would we not protect nursery school students as well?

We urge all members of the Committee to vote for a favorable report on HB 264.

Sincerely,

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